

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2014
Rocklin, California

The President called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Welcome by Michael Uro, the President of the Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club. He welcomed the N.A.B.O. delegates and he informed them about the weekend's events.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea
Vice-President – Mary Gaztambide
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil
Secretary – Marisa Espinal
Facilitator – Kate Camino
Webmaster – Lisa Corcostegui
Euskara Coordinator – Aitor Inarra (Itxaso Cayero, excused)

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused
Education – John Ysursa, excused
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino
Mus – Pierre Etcharren, excused
Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre
Music/Dance – Lisa Corcostegui
Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren, excused
History – Patty Miller, excused & Steve Bass, excused
Txerriki – Gratien Etchebehere, excused
Kantari Eguna – Noel Goyhenetche, excused & Becky Sarratea-Murphy, excused

Club Delegates

Alkartasuna (Rock Springs)	Martin Goicoechea
Anaitasuna Basque Club (SF)	Gina Espinal
	Marisa Espinal
Basque Educational Organization (BEO)	Philippe Acheritogaray
	Marisa Espinal
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Annie Gavica (proxies)
Basque Club of Utah	Mary Gaztambide
	Danny Gaztambide
Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.	Steve Achabal
	Annie Gavica
Center for Basque Studies, Reno	Kate Camino + proxy

Colorado Euskal Etxea
Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.
Fresno Basque Club
Iparreko Ibarra (Rocklin)

Las Vegas Basque Club
Marin Sonoma Basque Club
Oinkari Dancers
Ontario Basque Club

Reno Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center
Santa Rosa Basque Club
Seattle
Txoko Ono (Homedale)
Washington D.C. Euskal Etxea

Gina Espinal (proxies)
Steve Achabal (proxies)
Juliet Campos
Michael Uro
Brittany Chamalbide
Steve Achabal (proxy)
Jean Pierre Elissetche(proxy)
Annie Gavica (proxies)
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegi
Lorenzo Trimble
Jean Pierre Elissetche
Philippe Acheritogaray
Annie Gavica (proxies)
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Steve Achabal (proxy)

Proxies for quorum only, no votes:

New Mexico (Blas Uberuaga)
New York (Iban Ubarrentxena)
Susanville (Michelle Zubillaga)
Zazpiak Bat (Vancouver) Elena Sommers

Guests

Enrike Corcostegi, Ontario
John Mainvil, Ontario

On-line Guests

Technical Difficulties

Approval of the May 2014 Minutes

Marisa Espinal submitted the May 2014 minutes.

- Annie Gavica motioned to accept the May meeting minutes as written. Michael Uro seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Grace Mainvil)

Delegates were given the 2014 balance sheet and the profit/loss statements to review. Please see the Facilitator's packet for full details. Only two clubs have outstanding dues. There were no questions asked by the delegates.

- Kate Camino motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. 2nded by Annie Gavica. Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Please see submitted reports for full details.)

Calendars: (Mary Lou Urrutia, excused)

The calendars are late this year. The calendars will soon be online for proofreading before printing. It is up to the clubs to let the calendar chairman know if there are any dates that need to be corrected on the calendar within 10 days. Please contact Mary Lou for calendars at her new email:

calendar@nabasque.org or through Marylou@gracegroup.com

Since the calendars are being ordered later this year the delegates were asked about quantities needed by each club. There was discussion about whether it would make financial sense to purchase fewer calendars at a higher price so there is less waste. The current order of 2500 keeps the price at \$5.00. The calendars are used as a marketing tool at Gaztemundu, the International Mus Tournament and at the local club level to increase N.A.B.O. visibility.

- Grace Mainvil made a motion to price the calendars at \$7 each. 2nded by Martin Goicoechea. Motion rescinded.
- Jean Pierre Elissetche made a motion to keep price at \$5. 2nded by Philippe Acheritogaray. Unanimously approved

History (Patty Miller, excused, Steve Bass, excused)

Memoria Bizia

Kate Camino gave an update on the Oral History Project. Pedro Oiaorzabal worked hard all summer conducting training workshops. He conducted workshops in San Francisco, Bakersfield, New York, Montreal, Salt Lake City, and Elko. Elko has received a local grant, their efforts are being spearheaded by Gretchen Skivington. Reno had an on-line option with good participation. It is recommended that interviews be conducted in pairs, one person to handle the equipment and one person to ask the questions.

Pedro has submitted a list of suggested equipment that will include video as well as audio. The N.A.B.O. Facilitator will purchase the equipment and an inventory will be kept. A point person at each club will be responsible for keeping the equipment. San Francisco also had a good turnout and has already purchased the equipment to begin the interview process. The release forms and questions are now available on the website. This project is not something that will be covered through a grant because the Basque Government and Extepare Institute are already involved in the project at a different level. This project has been discussed at many meetings and there is now a need to approve the equipment budget.

- Kate Camino made a motion to approve an initial budget of \$6000.00 submitted. Gina Espinal 2nded. Unanimously approved.

Gina Espinal suggested that smaller clubs, such as Salt Lake City, have interviews take place when hosting a meeting or other event where trained interviewers may be available. The interviews should be scheduled before or after the event.

If anyone is interested in being on the History Committee please contact Patty Miller or Steve Bass at steve@bassque.com or pattyam@basquemuseum.com You can send the names of the contact for your club or the interviewees to info@nabasque.org or President@nabasque.org because N.A.B.O. is keeping a spreadsheet of names to be interviewed.

Pilota (Evelyne Etcharren, excused)

Boise, once again, sponsored the San Ignazio Invitational this year on 7/25 -26/14.

San Francisco held a children's N.A.B.O. Pilota Tournament on August 23rd. It was a nice event, but poor spectator turnout.

There was a pilota camp, Perkain, in Aduldes, Benafarroa for 8 – 15 year olds. There were 3 one-week sleepover camps divided by age. Three kids from the United States went this year. The response from the group attending this year was very positive, even from the child who does not speak French and the camp is conducted in French. The cost for the week is about 350 - 375 euros which includes instruction, activities, food, and lodging. That does not include travel costs. Information will be sent out next year in the spring. If anyone hears of any other pilota camps please let N.A.B.O. know.

The FIPV Pilota Mundials were held in Mexico. United States teams, both men and women won a few games, but no medals.

Dominic Camou is teaching Handball in Bakersfield and he asked N.A.B.O. to help subsidize the cost of materials. The World Pilota Council may be able to help with supplies.

- Marisa Espinal made a motion that the Pilota Chairman has a threshold of \$2000 to support clubs with supplies for youth pilota training. Other sources of financial support should also be investigated, such as the World Pilota Council and the local club. 2nd by Kate Camino. Unanimously approved.

Morning Break 10:30 – 10:45

Udaleku: (Kate Camino & Valerie Arrechea)

Udaleku 2014: Elko hosted Udaleku, June 22 - July 4, 2014 ending with the Elko festival. They had 65 participants.

The president read a statement by the Elko delegate who was unable to attend:
" Elko was very pleased with the organization of the pre-camp sign ups and money collecting all done by N.A.B.O. The use of a debit card worked well. All instructors did an outstanding job. I believe that all the students had a positive

experience and enough to eat. The camp kitchen, run by Ramon Zugazaga, did a very good job of meals and snacks and holding the costs down. Overall Udaleku was a success and did leave a positive balance in the camp account. I can truly say, from my heart, that we have a great generation of young Basque children who came to Elko and their parents should be proud. Thank you"...Bob Echeverria

Lisa Corcostegui gave a report. She suggested the information for running the camp be updated on the web site to include: a roster of participants, first aid kit, a CPR & First Aide trained Instructor. Templates and samples are available to camp directors through Google docs. Kate Camino reminded the delegates that because so often in the past it was the same groups of people running the camps many things were taken for granted. As new leadership steps up to the plate, they will need to be mentored or given a document of instructions with timelines and checklists. Valerie Arrechea suggested that instructors be given a syllabus or guide of what should be covered in the classes. Steve Achabal suggested a photo/media release for participants. A medical release form is currently being used. A statement of release of information should also be considered.

Udaleku Guidelines

There was discussion of suspending the participation of campers whose behavior is disruptive or dangerous to themselves or others. There is language in the enrollment paperwork that children may be expelled for disruptive or dangerous behavior. It was unanimously approved that the Udaleku Chairmen may exclude a child from attending future Udalekus based on the recommendations of instructors and camp directors who have hosted an Udaleku. Would it be possible to receive a conduct report card from camp instructors?

Grace Mainvil acknowledged that the donations from clubs, especially the hosting clubs to support Udaleku helped keep the Udaleku account healthy.

A suggestion was made by Annie Gavica that each club is given 2 spots and all other spots be given first come first serve. There was discussion about who chooses which two children from each club attend. If clubs don't send kids can they sell their spots? The deadline for application was publicized in Astero, an email was sent to delegates. Gina Espinal suggested delegates take a more active role in reminding their club members to be on-line at 6 p.m. on March 1st

Clarification of age eligibility

- Lisa Corcostegui made a motion that you may participate in Udaleku if you will be 10 by September 1st and 15 through August 31st. 2nd by Martin Goicoechea. Unanimously approved.

Udaleku 2015

Udaleku 2015 will be in San Francisco. The theme of the camp will be Iparralde, all things Xiberoa, it will be held June 21st – July 3. It will end on Friday night

with a performance by the campers. People will be able to travel to Elko or Southern California for the festival and picnic. They are looking to run a traditional two-week camp based on housing availability.

- Annie Gavica made a motion to keep the cost at \$375. Gina Espinal 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Udaleku 2016

Will be in the northern region: Salt Lake City, Utah. Catherine Bararjas may be directing the camp. Dates will be chosen after more information about the dates of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival is confirmed.

Mus: (Pierre Etcharren)

The Marin Sonoma Basque Club hosted this year's finals on May 31st in San Rafael, CA. The winners, the Uranga brothers, were from Homedale, Idaho. For any information contact Pierre Etcharren at mus@nabasque.org. Txoko Ono in Homedale, Idaho will host the finals. The Boise Euzkaldunak will be collaborating with Txoko Ono to provide bus service to the venue because there are no hotels in Homedale.

The N.A.B.O. website has instructions and rules for playing mus. There are also on-line options to learn - www.ludoteka.com or for the iphone: usumus.

International Mus 2014:

The International Mus Tournament will be in Cancun, Mexico from October 19 – 25, 2014. It will be at the Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort. The young brothers, Darren and Tony Uranga, from Txoko Ono, Homedale, ID will be representing the United States. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Pierre Etcharren at mus@nabasque.org.

Future International Mus Dates:

The 2015 International Mus Tournament was to be held in Uruguay, but they are unable to host. It may be held in Argentina or the United States. The 2016 International Mus Tournament will be in Donostia, Euskadi, and the 2017 International Mus Tournament will be in the United States. Although plans have not been finalized yet, it may be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ideas for gifts from the United States for the international participants included: calendars, mus sets, N.A.B.O. watches, acrylic paperweights, and cowboy hats. Calendars are usually given, but they are not ready this year. Mus sets or cowboy hats might be a nice gift when the United States hosts the tournament in Las Vegas. It was decided the N.A.B.O. watches would be perfect due to the time constraints.

Junior Mus (Gina Espinal)

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Junior Mus Tournament. The 2014 Junior Mus Tournament was held at the Convention in Bakersfield where the very first Junior Mus Tournament was held. A special thanks to JB Bidegaray for being the scorekeeper, Maria Toretta, Maite Maisterrena, and Dominique Minaberrigarai for all of their help to make it a success, especially since Gina was not present due to illness.

Gina thanked the Reno delegate, Lorenzo Trimble for always responding to Junior Mus emails. She received good feedback from past hosts about the pros and cons of hosting the Junior Mus Tournament during the Convention when it is so busy. It is a bit of a time crunch and strain on volunteers. The consensus from the delegates was that holding the Junior Mus Tournament during the convention is best for now.

Music and Dance (Lisa Corcostegi, Caroline Chirramberro, excused)

Dance

Only 9 dance groups responded to the survey sent out by Lisa Corcostegi about each club's dance activities. There is almost double the number of female dancers to male dancers. Some of the responses to what kind of content groups would be interested in included: more dance workshops, lyrics and music, traveling instructors, announcer packets, costume descriptions, proper technique, and more information about dances not as common in the United States.

All groups were interested in more workshops. The cost of instructors from the Basque Country is prohibitive for 2 days at each club over a two-week period. There were suggestions for a more intensive workshop over the weekend in one location with a professional instructor for more advanced dancers or instructors, a train the trainer workshop, and then local classes for new dancers and instructors, an exchange of instructors from different clubs.

Txistu

There will be a long weekend workshop on txistu possibly in 2015. This will be an intermediate level workshop. San Francisco is happy to host unless another club would like to do so. Please let Valerie know if there is interest at your club in attending.

Txerriki Sukalde Txapeldun (Gratien Etchebehere, excused)

The 4th annual sausage competition was held this year in Bakersfield on 5/24/14. morcilla/tripota, chorizo, and/or lukainka. Marin Sonoma won first for morcilla/tripota and Michel Hardy from King City won first place for chorizo.

Will there be room at Jaialdi to host it? There are such large crowds at Jaialdi it could present a liability issue. Plan B would be to hold it at Kantari Eguna in Gardnerville. The Boise delegates will speak with the organizers of Jaialdi.

Kantari Eguna (Noel Goyhenetche, excused, Becky Sarratea-Murphy, excused)

Kantari Eguna 2014 took place on the afternoon of October 11th in conjunction with the Iparreko Ibarra picnic and fall N.A.B.O. meeting in Rocklin.

Education (John Ysursa, excused)

Please see the delegate's packet. Philippe Achertiogaray updated the delegates on the Film Library. A list of films is available on-line with trailers of the films. They will be mailed to clubs who can organize a screening. The DVDs are mailed with a self-addressed stamped envelope for easy return. Bakersfield was the first club to "check-out" two films.

Celebrate + Educate = Perpetuate

Euskara: (Martin Goicoechea, Aitor Inarra, & Itxaso Cayero, excused)

Aitor Inarra reported on the number of clubs with existing Euskara classes, which is only 9 currently. There is an assumption that there are 19 additional clubs with communities large enough to support Euskara classes. Please send Aitor your club's contact with a name for potential teachers to attend a barnetegi. N.A.B.O. clubs are asked to use HABE Euskara Munduan curriculum. Clubs are given \$400 per class offered from N.A.B.O. This is funded through HABE.

The current instructors retreat will be on May 31, 2015 and directly following will be the barnetegi for new instructors from June 1 – 7, 2015. Please send someone from your club to attend the new instructor's barnetegi so classes can begin in your community. There will be a workshop for children's instructors in Boise in March 2015.

Euskara Cultural Celebrations

Euskera Eguna (the International Day of the Basque Language) is celebrated on December 3rd.

Tamborrada (An adult parade by the Gastronomical Society followed by a children's parade the day after) is celebrated January 20th - 21st.

San Ageda (traditional singing to awaken the earth for Spring) is celebrated on February 5th.

Korrika (Basque fun to promote Euskera) happens every other year; in 2015 it will be celebrated in March.

Martin Goicoechea thanked Aitor and Itxaso Cayero for all of their efforts. Martin talked about expanding the Euskara program. Currently HABE has curriculum for adults. Itxaso Cayero, who has been teaching the children, has developed materials that she is willing to share. If you are interested in starting children's Euskara classes please contact Itxaso Cayero at euskara@nabasque.org There

would be no financial support from HABE for a children's program. It would be possible to get a grant from the Basque Government to increase our children's classes. They are looking into donations and other grants to help support a youth Euskara program. Martin Goicoechea gave a check to Grace to start the N.A.B.O. Youth Euskara Program. Kate Camino informed the delegates that Martin gave the seed money to start the original adult N.A.B.O. Euskara program.

- Martin Goicoechea made a motion to create a youth Euskara program. 2nd by Philippe Acheritogaray. Unanimously approved.

Lunch Break 12:15 – 12:30 (working lunch)

Facilitator's Report: (Kate Camino)

Astero

Please notify Kate Camino of your club's events. It is up to the Chairmen to get the information to Kate or Lisa Corcostegi to update the website.

Cultural tours

There was a very poor response to the survey Kate sent out. Only 5 clubs responded! Is there interest in future cultural tours? There are many groups interested in coming to the United States. Would it be possible to include the survey in local club newsletters? Is it possible to send out a list of possible cultural groups and see which groups generate interest from the local club level? There are time constraints and challenges to finding venues for these groups during the dates they are available. There is some question of whether cultural tours will continue to be funded by the Basque Government.

Mary Gaztambide informed the delegates a woman living in Utah, Jess Perrie, Director of Uinta Based Beehive Cheese Co., received a grant to study cheese making and is available to speak at your club. If you would like more information please contact Mary @ vp@nabasque.org or secretary@nabasque.org.

Grace Mainvil mentioned the Sheep Trailing Festival in Sun Valley Idaho. Martin Goicoechea informed the delegates about the history of the festival.

California Historical Society

No update at this time.

Smithsonian Project 2016

No update at this time.

Basque Government Grants for 2014

Priority is given to clubs with women in leadership roles and clubs that have a history of successful events using grant funds.

Email application and expenses now ASAP, physical requests must be mailed between 10/11/14 and received by November 11, 2014.

There has been a change to the disbursement of the grants. 15% will be given upon acceptance of the grant application, 60% will be sent after a report of the event has been received and the final 25% after the justification (including receipts and pictures) has been submitted.

If you have any questions about grants please contact Benan Oregi at Benan-Oregi@ej-gv.es or Andoni Martin at Andoni-Martin@ej-gv.es

Old Business

BetiGazte

The youth committee has been dissolved. It was successful the first couple of years, but there has not been enough interest in youth leadership to maintain the group. We will need ideas at the club level on how N.A.B.O. can support youth programs. We thank all those who served as chairman for their contributions.

Club updates. The email distribution list has been updated. Please be sure to let N.A.B.O. officers know when your club delegates and officers change. President@nabasque.org, secretary@nabasque.org, or info@nabasque.org

Fund for start up events

The Start-Up Committee, which has not yet met, was created with Steve Achabal as chairman. Mayie Petracek, Nagore Goitia India, Argia Beristain, the N.A.B.O. president, and Mary Kay Aucutt (from Boise who has experience in nonprofits and revolving loan funds) will participate. The purpose of the fund is to support smaller clubs with upfront costs to host cultural events. These loans would not be eligible for a grant from the Basque Government. The clubs could apply for a grant from the Basque Government for the activity once they had a budget and more specifics, which would help them to repay the loan. A question was raised about nonprofits lending money. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact the chairman, Steve Achabal at steveachabal@netzero.com.

- Steve Achabal made a motion that N.A.B.O. provide cultural Financial Assistance to N.A.B.O. clubs in good standing for the purpose of cultural activities. This would be a pilot program with an initial budget of \$5000 maximum. 2nd by Jean Pierre Elissetche. Unanimously approved.

Finance Committee

If you are interested in being on the committee please contact Valerie Arrechea at president@nabasque.org

New Business

Euskara Coordinators & Facilitators

- Jean Pierre Elissetche made a motion to renew the contract for the Facilitator/Webmaster and Euskara Coordinator positions held by: Kate Camino, Lisa Corcostegui, Aitor Inarra, and Itxaso Cayero. 2nded by Annie Gavica. Unanimously approved.
- Martin Goiccochea made a motion that the Facilitators and Euskara Coordinators are paid on a quarterly and monthly schedule during the fiscal year rather than waiting to receive funds from the Basque Government. 2nded by Philippe Acheritogaray. Unanimously approved.

Quorum & On-line Participation

Annie Gavica brought up reducing the number of meetings to twice a year. Is it possible to have an on-line meeting? Could Wi-Fi or online participation be available at least for Chairmen? There has been little online participation. There have also been technical difficulties. Would online participation increase if the Wi-Fi were more consistently available?

Gina Espinal recommended that Chairmen be strongly encouraged to attend meetings to facilitate discussion about their committee.

Philippe Acheritogaray suggested that a proxy given to another club is only counted for quorum, not for voting. Should the number of proxies held by one person be limited? Michael Uro suggested if smaller clubs couldn't make it to a meeting, bring N.A.B.O. to them and possibly help fund a smaller club hosting a meeting.

Possible consequences for chronic absenteeism could include: exclusion from Udaleku, exclusion from the N.A.B.O. mus finals, your club may be volunteered to host Udaleku or a meeting.

Please bring this topic to your club members and further discussion about changes to quorum will occur at the next meeting in Salt Lake City.

Officers Appointments vs. Elections

Philippe Acheritogaray suggested that all N.A.B.O. Officers be elected rather than have the Secretary be appointed and the out-going president become the vice-president. There was discussion about the historical knowledge and continuity lost if all positions were elected annually. It was also brought up that the Secretary and President work closely together and need to have compatible work styles.

Questions or Announcements:

Thank you to Juliet Campos and Campos Brothers Almonds for the delicious almonds to snack on during the meeting.

Jaialdi will be held in Boise July 28 – August 2, 2015. A brochure was passed out to the delegates. A form was passed out if your dance group is interested in performing. The hotel rooms set aside for N.A.B.O. delegates are almost all booked at the Grove. There are other hotels available. Please see the website www.jaialdi.com for more information.

The World Congress of Basque Diaspora will be held next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Future Meeting Schedule:

2015

Winter: Salt Lake City, January 31, 2015

Summer Convention: Boise, ID in conjunction with Jaialdi

Fall: Denver, Colorado

Future Convention Dates:

2016: Washington DC

2017: Chino, CA, Labor Day weekend

2018: Winnemucca, NV

2019: San Francisco, CA

Respectfully submitted by Marisa Espinal, N.A.B.O. Secretary.